

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 15-20 and 27-37 are in the case.

I. THE INTERVIEW

At the outset, the undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner (Ms. Robinson) for kindly agreeing to conduct an interview in this case. The interview was held on April 15, 2011 and was conducted in regard to the Advisory Action mailed April 11, 2011. The courtesies extended by the Examiner were most appreciated. The substance of the interview will be clear from the comments presented below.

II. FORMAL MATTERS

The Examiner requested further changes to be made to claims to obviate additional formal points. The requested changes were discussed, and they are presented in the claims submitted herewith. The amendments to claims 28, 32 and 36 are supported by the specification at page 5, lines 9-19. The other amendments are self-explanatory. No new matter is entered.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith. Entry of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

III. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTIONS

With regard to the anticipation rejection of claims 15-18, 28-30, 33-35 and 37 over Wolff *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,252, July 17, 2001) (Wolff), and the anticipation

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rejection of claims 15-18, 28-30, 33-35 and 37-38 over Johnson *et al.* (AAPS Pharmsci, 1999, cited on the IDS filed January 18, 2007) (Johnson), it is believed that the present claims are novel over (and not suggested by) the two cited references for the reasons detailed in the Amendment dated March 28, 2011. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejections is respectfully requested.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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